

17 November 1971

Mrs. Naomi R. Sweeney
Office of Assistant Director
for Legislative Reference
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mrs. Sweeney:

Per your request of November 3, 1971, enclosed is a copy of our proposed report on H. R. 10869, a bill "To amend the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970...."

Advice is requested as to whether there is any objection to the submission of the proposed report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

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John M. Maury
Legislative Counsel

Enclosure

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JMM:

In re Colonel White's note to you asking why we want to include the third paragraph in the letter to Staggers on the annual report on drug legislation, I think there are at least two reasons:

(1) it should be helpful to the Agency, and it certainly can't hurt, to use this opportunity to get on the record, as the Director did in his newspaper editors speech, that we are not part of the drug problem, but hopefully are contributing to a solution;

(2) restricting ourselves to the comment "We have no objection to the proposed legislation," seems to be a rather cold reaction to such a pressing problem of our society and the third paragraph we hope reflects sympathetic concern with the objectives behind the bill, namely, to stop illegal drug traffic from abroad.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

The Honorable Harley O. Staggers
Chairman, House Interstate and
Foreign Commerce Committee
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of September 28, 1971, requesting a report on H. R. 10869, a bill "To amend the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 to provide for an annual report by the Secretary of State to Congress on the international production and consumption of, and trade in, narcotic drugs."

We have no objection to the proposed legislation.

This Agency is interested in rendering all assistance possible which would contribute to a better understanding and solution of the drug problem. As you may know, this Agency actively participates in the work of the Cabinet Committee on International Narcotics Control which is responsible for formulating and coordinating Federal policies relating to the goal of curtailing and eventually eliminating the flow of illegal narcotics and dangerous drugs into the United States from abroad. For some time, we also have been providing the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs with information on foreign sources and routes of illegal trade in narcotics. Similar assistance would be available to the Secretary of State in connection with the preparation of the annual report required under H. R. 10869.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms
Director

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